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(C) STATE 41870 (NOTAL)

1. A TRIBUNA OF FEBRUARY 25 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE STORY REPORTING MOZAMBIQUE HAS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH ROMANIA FOR SUPPLY OF 50,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND THAT UNION DE BANQUES SUISES, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, HAD JUST AGREED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY CREDIT FOR FIRST ROMANIAN SHIPMENT OF 16,600 TONS.

2. COMMENT: ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT MTG IS COMMITTED TO SATISFYING MOST OF MOZAMBIQUE'S WHEAT NEEDS IN 1975 FROM ROMANIA, PARTLY BECAUSE ARRANGEMENT WAS ORIGINALLY MADE BY FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL DURING HIS VISIT TO ROMANIA IN DECEMBER. BEGIN XGDS1; A TRIBUNA STORY CONFIRMS WHAT SECRETARY GENERAL AGUIAR TOLD ME :REF B) AND ALSO INDICATES THAT MTG HAS PARTIALLY GOTTEN AROUND PROBLEM OF PORTUGAL'S UNWILLINGNESS TO GUARANTEE ROMANIAN LOAN FOR THE WHEAT, POINT WHICH HIGH COMMISSIONER KEPT STRESSING TO US. QUESTIONS REMAINS WHETHER SIMILAR CREDITS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR REMAINDER OF WHEAT ORDERED. INFORMATION REF B, INDICATING MTG INTEREST IN CANADIAN WHEAT MAY BE OUT OF DATE OR IT MAY BE THAT MTG IS HEDGING IN CASE REMAINDER ROMANIAN DEAL FALLS THROUGH. END XGDS1. IN ANY CASE, DIRECT U.S. WHEAT AID UNDER FY 75 PROGRAM IS NO LONGER IN QUESTION. WHERE AND HOW ROMANIA GETS 50,000 TONS OF WHEAT FOR MOZAMBIQUE IS STILL UNCLEAR. WALKER

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